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24 February 1976

Mr. Russell D. Martin
Chairman, Parade Formation Committee
American Legion Carroll Post No. 31
Westminster, Maryland

Dear Mr. Martin:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to participate in the 109th commemoration of Memorial Day by the Westminster American Legion Carroll Post No. 31. I regret that I am already committed for other ceremonies on 31 May 1976, but I am most grateful to you for thinking of me. I would have been proud to participate in this historic event.

Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General, USA

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Dear General Walters,

After your excellent speech at our Taiwan Conference at the Shoreham on Jan. 25, my wife and I came to the speakers table and met you. I told you that we appreciated your speech and I asked if you went out on speaking engagements such as a memorial day program. You replied "Yes, sir!" so I took the liberty of presenting your name and a critique of your talk to our Memorial Day Committee. They immediately put your name at the top of the list and so the enclosed request came out of that.

I hope it will suit you to accept. We have preserved something here in Westminster that many other communities have lost. Our format has changed very little since I was a boy following the bands to the cemetery. It is still old and quaint but it is our community's day of Americanism. We furnished a company of men to the 29th Infantry Division in WWII so five years of service is not uncommon around here. The VFW and American Legion are important organizations in our town.

Sincerely

Russell Martin



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THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

CARROLL POST NO. 31

WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF

February 6, 1976 CLUB HOUSE
LEGION SQUARE

General Vernon A. Walters
Deputy Director C.I.A.
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Walters:

The Memorial Day Committee of Carroll Post #31 American Legion would like to extend our invitation to be the speaker for our 109th commemoration. Our observance of this day has continued each year since 1867.

We begin with a parade that forms at 9:00 A.M. and moves at 10:00 A.M. The line of march is through the Main Street of our town to our cemetery. The program at the cemetery usually follows the enclosed 1975 format.

We would be very pleased to have you participate in our parade. A car will be provided for you to ride in the 1st Section. Should you come in uniform, and should you care to march, we would be delighted to have you march with the reserve and retired officers of our community in the leading element of the 1st Section.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Yours very truly,

Atlee W. Wampler, Jr.
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Parade Marshal

Russell D. Martin

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Chairman Parade Formation
Committee



108th MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1975

AT WESTMINSTER CEMETERY, FOLLOWING PARADE AT 10:00 A. M.

P R O G R A M

INVOCATION	Rev. Joseph C. Antoszewski, Pastor, St. John Catholic Church
AMERICA	Sung by Audience and Accompanied by William F. Myers & Sons Band, under direction of Glenn W. Patterson
PRESENTATION BY GOLD STAR MOTHERS	Mrs. Katherine H. Haines, President, Carroll County Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS	A. Scott Hollinger, Westminster Senior High School
PLACING OF CITY WREATH	Mayor Leroy L. Conaway
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	By Commander Norman G. Bohn, Carroll Post #31, The American Legion
MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS	Hon. J. Glenn Beall, Jr., United States Senator from Maryland
BENEDICTION	Rev. Robert G. Kidd, Assistant Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Sung by Milford Smith, (Sr. Vice Commander,) VFW Post #467 accompanied by Westminster Municipal Band under direction of Glenn B. Markle
FIRING SQUAD	Molleville Farm Post #467, Veterans of Foreign Wars
TAPS AND ECHO	William F. Myers & Sons Band

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